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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP: ASSESSMENT
OF GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. DURING LONG CONVERSATION I HAD FEBRUARY 27 WITH FONMIN FRED
WILLS HE VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING AS HIS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JUST CONCLUDED ROUND OF VISITS TO LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. WILLS BELIEVES THE PURPOSE OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP WAS TWO-FOLD:
TO SET THE SCENE FOR A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN U.S. RELATIONS
WITH LATIN AMERICA AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DIVERT LATIN AMERICAN
GOVTS FROM DRIFTING FURTHER INTO THE ORBIT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVE-
MENT. WILLS OPINED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BOTH
OF THESE PURSUITS, AND HE ADDED THAT THE ONLY ELEMENT IN THE
SECRETARY'S APPROACH WHICH WAS NOT TO WILL'S PERSONAL LIKING
WAS HIS BELIEF THAT THE SECRETARY CHOSE AS THE "ENGINE" FOR THIS
NEW EFFORT, A RENEWED ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE CUBA FROM THE REST OF
THE HEMISPHERE.

3. WILLS SAID HE WOULD WATCH WITH GREAT INTEREST THE PACE OF USG
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FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISED TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION ADVANCED BY

SECRETARY KISSINGER.

HE APPEARED TO BE SKEPTICAL OF OUR INTENTIONS.

4. WILLS DESCRIBED AS A "CLEVER APPROACH" WHAT HE SAW AS AN ENDEAVOR BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ESTABLISH WITH PERU A "MODEL" OF COOPERATION WHICH WOULD BE VALID FOR OTHER RADICAL THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

5. TURNING TO GUYANA'S FORMIDABLE SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR, WILLS SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IN THE OVERALL LATIN AMERICAN CONTEXT THE U.S. BRAZIL CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WOULD PROVE TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, FROM A STRICTLY GUYANESE STANDPOINT, HE WELCOMED IT BECAUSE HE FELT IT WOULD HELP TO KEEP VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL APART. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PM BURNHAM AND WILLS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY PRE-OCCUPIED OVER SPECTRE OF THE TWO ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE GOVTS OF VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL COMBINING IN AN EFFORT TO "DESTABILIZE" GUYANA'S MARCH TOWARD A MARXIST-LENINIST STATE
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